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Editors' Table.

THE UNDERGRADUATE notes with pleasure and satisfaction the advent of '96 and begs leave for a personal introduction to its individual members. Published and managed by the students of Middlebury College, it stands their representative in the eyes of alumni, faculty and friends; to the outside world and with students of kindred institutions, it is looked upon more as the representative of the college whence it takes its source. Its aim is to encourage and develop lurking literary abilities among the undergraduates, to serve as a link between alumni and their Alma Mater, to be a sign of the times and ideas of Middlebury students and to each one of them, a matter of pride and interest. It requests and expects the hearty sympathy and co-operation of each individual student in every possible way throughout the year, that it may ascend to a higher plane of general interest and merit.

COMPETITION, healthy in spirit and helpful in its workings, is everywhere recognized as a good thing; we believe it is because this is true, is the reason it has been made by the UNDERGRADUATE an all-important condition in its future existence. In the matter of yearly election to positions on the editorial board, the quality and quantity of matter written and contributed expressly for the UNDDERGRADUATE is taken into consideration and each to about an equal extent. Members of '96 will enter into competition with those of the next two higher classes for the election that will take place in March, 1893, at a disadvantage, but is to be hoped that many will be heard from. Let careful preparation and a desire to improve and help on our college paper characterize each contribution, and whether election to editorial positions follow in time or not, its author can but feel amply repaid for time and labor spent in this way.

WHILE the usual repairs about the college buildings and the much improved condition of the gymnasium with its new floor and apparatus have been favorably noted by returning students, something further seems to have been looked for as a result of recent endowments. It is true that vague reports of new buildings or extensive improvements in the library or about the campus are common, but no special disposal of the sixty thousand dollar fund seems to have been fixed upon as yet. For the benefit of the upper classes and all, it is to be hoped that it may manifest itself in improvement, extension or repair without unnecessary delay.

IN granting the students a half-holiday at the time of the Bristol Middlebury ball game played on the campus Sept. 21, some remarks were heard from the President on the position which the faculty holds towards athletics. While our association is assured of

their sympathy and support in its endeavors in all sports and athletics, it can but agree with them that these things are of secondary importance and that regular college work cannot be suspended for a game of ball. The primary object of a college is to advance scholarship, and athletics at best can be regarded but a means to this end. When they subordinate or supercede any college exercise they transcend their sphere. The promise made by the manager that home games in the future will be arranged at such times as will not interfere with recitations should meet with the approval of all.

THE energy and business-like procedures of the managers of Starr Boarding Hall are worthy of the commendation and thanks of all interested in its affairs. The necessity of further equipments has been promptly attended to by the college authorities, and their co-operation is assured in case it is needed in the execution of its financial affairs. With practically a cash basis of doing business, a thorough adherence to its established regulations and the continued faithfulnesss and zeal of its commissary and treasurer, there is every reason for expecting better board and at a less cost than ever before.

THE election by the trustees of William W. McGilton to the professorship of Physics and Astronomy cannot fail to give universal satisfacticn. Prof. McGilton was graduated at Wesleyan University in the class of '82. For nine years he was vice-principal in the Collegiate Institute at Fort Edward, N. Y., and a teacher who was especially successful and well liked. He is but recently returned to America after a course of study in the University of Leipsic. The students of Middlebury are glad to welcome and recognize in Prof. McGilton a friend and instructor.

Literary.

THE BARD OF AMESBURY.

[Chapel Oration.]

WE have often read of the inhabitants of volcanic countries waking after a night of rest and finding that some tall, snow-capped mountain in the far distance had sunk from view, leaving only a sea of lava and molten rock to mark the place whereon it stood. The mountain before had been an object of beauty. All eyes had turned toward it because to see was to admire. Nature had seemed to make it her favorite and embellished it with her choicest art. Native eyes would look for it now because there was something strange and unnatural in the void it had left. A something was wanting which before had been a part of their every-day life, a part of their very being.

A similar circumstance has happened in New England. Where before we had looked at one of our noble and inspiring landmarks, now we find a vacancy, a void, a place which cannot be filled. Our eyes will look in vain for the familiar sight. The mountain has sunk to the level with the plains. The inspired singer of New England, Whittier, "the wood thrush of Amesbury," is dead.

The old school of New Englanders, of which John Greenleaf Whittier is a lineal descendant, was one of peculiar mould, and to it, in common with him, we owe a deep and lasting debt of gratitude. They represent a type of men who were the peculiar pride of New England. We found them around the cheerless fires of Plymouth, and we found them later in the outspoken convictions of Fanueil Hall. To found educational and religious institutions they subscribed their fortunes. To institute and preserve political and religious freedom they pledged their lives and sacred honors. The seed sown in the dark days of colonial struggle and poverty found its culminating flower in the class of men to whom Whittier belonged. Even as the men of dark colonial days were the builders of constitutional and religious rights, so these men of a later day are the bold yeomen of a strong and sturdy literature distinctively our own. Holmes, Lowell, Longfellow, Whittier, their names are written in the hearts of New England youth and spoken with reverence around the New England hearth.

The youth of Whittier was not one to inspire, much less to produce, poetic inspirations. Farm boy, cobbler, printer, editor, mark the successive stages of his life. The divintty which shaped his life was not one of poetic fancy. It was a hard, ceaseless struggle against fate. Yet over all he conquered. The farm boy won for himself a name as deathless as his song, as immortal as his verse.

Behind great men like Whittier there always follows a train of splendid memories. Longfellow expressed it well when he said :

> Were a star quenched on high,
> For ages would its light,
> Still, traveling downward from the sky,
> Fall on our mortal sight.

So when a great man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men.

And so with Whittier. Though dead, he lives. The voice, though hushed, yet speaks. The hand, though still, yet writes.

J. B. DONOWAY.

Alumni Department.

[*At a meeting of the Associated Alumni, Commencement, '91, it was unanimously resolved: "That we heartily endorse* THE UNDERGRADUATE *and warmly recommend it to the Alumni as a valuable means for furthering our common interests in the college and our interests in each other." We respectfully solicit your subscriptions and contributions. Class-histories, reminiscences, obituaries, biographies, literary articles, and papers upon current topics are always in order and desired.*]

THE CLASS OF 1851.

BY SAMUEL W. BOARDMAN.

THERE were twenty-four members of the class of 1851, of whom twenty entered at the beginning of the Freshman year. Four were added afterward; three died; three were graduated at other colleges, and three left for other work.

Of Albee it was reported that his eminent teacher, Cyrus Richards, LL. D., long principal of Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, N. H., said he was the best scholar he had ever educated at that academy. He has sustained a similar reputation from that day to this. Uncle Harvey, long "Prof. of dust and ashes" at Middlebury, said Albee burned more midnight oil than any other student. "You never know," said Prof. Brown of Dartmouth, afterward President of Hamilton, "exactly what will turn up about a college." Uncle Harvey, always looking out for explosions, took occasional observations of Painter Hall during the night, keeping a paternal watch over the students, and when Albee demurred to his warning against too late hours, the old watchman replied, "I know where your window is." After having been an officer in two colleges and received honorary degrees from two, Prof. Albee is now enjoying the "*otium cum, etc.*" after an active, useful and honored life, at his pleasant home in his native place, Langdon, N. H. We have never seen anywhere a more faithful scholar.

Allen Campbell Baker had a clear mind and was an easy scholar. He was born in Granville, N. Y., and was fitted for college at Castleton Seminary. He taught in the South for many years, but after the war removed to Kansas, where he taught till his death, in 1881.

Warren Bigelow was the oldest member of the class, twenty-five, about the same age as President Labaree, at the time of his entrance. He was considerably deaf. He was thin and slender and in delicate health. He came to college from motives which put all others to shame. Nothing but an overmastering hunger and thirst to do, as he hoped, a little more for the glory of God, than he could otherwise do by preaching, though under disadvantages, the unsearchable riches of Christ could have compelled him to leave his tools in the carpenter's shop for college, for the theological seminary, and for a brief ministry. He was a fair scholar, always diligent, but easily exhausted with unusual labors. His classmates and friends will never forget his prayers. That we might all be "up and a-doing," was a frequent petition. "Faint but pursuing," was a frequent expression. There was something in this humble, pale-faced, meek, though firm and self-reliant man, before which the ambitions of talent and scholarship were rebuked and absorbed, as in the presence of higher qualities. After a few years of enfeebled life, and of patient toil in Wisconsin and Minnesota, he fell asleep. He left a widow and two or three chiidren. He did not serve long, nor was he distinguished, but there is "a book of remembrance" in which the name of Warren Bigelow will be found not the last or the least.

Boardman was, at graduation, the youngest member of the class. Residing at Castleton, where was then situated one of the best classical schools in the State, he attended it for several years; longer than most of his class there. He had thus some especial advantages in preparation for college, of which he should have made a better use. The same was true of his college course and has been so of his life ever since. After the Freshman year he spent the winters in reading the Greek, Latin and English classics. He missed no recitations through his college course.

Casey was a genius. He wore a blue frock coat, out at the elbow, and was the wit of the class. Soon after our entrance, Mr. Sewall Sergeant, a brilliant member of the Junior class, undertook, in the usual course of rhetorical exercises Wednesday afternoon, in place of an original oration, which was then required of Juniors, to lecture the Freshmen. It was for Mr. Casey to return the favor. The writer recalls some evening walks in which the materials proper for a suitable reply were

considered. The result was an overwhelming success. Students lay on their seats rolling in convulsions of laughter. It was never equalled in the old college chapel in our day. Mr. Sergeant, though a fine scholar and an able man, was left "nowhere," yet he said he did not regret the encounter and that he would not have withheld his piece if he could have known that it would elicit a performance so exquisite in wit and so extraordinary in its effect. A few days before Mr. Casey's reply a horse had been found in the sec ond story tied to the door knob of the Junior recitation room. It was the same, or like the gaunt animal, on whose hollow sides the placard had been hung, af ter the style of country stores, "Wanted—Oats—Inquire within ! ! !" Casey, attributing this to the Juniors, said, "They have hitched their favorite Professor to their door." Casey was stricken down before the end of the Freshman fall term with that terrific scourge of the college and of the country, ship fever, a malignant form of typhoid, which seemed to proceed from the great Irish famine of 1847. He never returned to us. When we came back at the beginning of the spring term, a diminished band, the bleak snows of Whiting lay upon his grave. His classmates never forgot Casey or ceased to mourn for him. Prof. A. C. Twining, one of the best teachers in the class room ever connected with Middlebury College, in order to quicken attention and sharpen wit and abrade a certain common drawl which he called "The Middlebury Augment," would sometimes call up three or four students, one after another, and have them all on their feet at the same time, requiring the second to tell what the first had said, the third to correct the second and the fourth to interpret the rhetoric of the third. This, for easy-going country boys, who had been content to know things "either thar or thar-about," was an excellent discipline as they entered the Freshman room. On one occasion the Professor was pushing Casey, who had a certain comic drawl. "What have I written on that black-board?" demanded in crisp accent the alert Professor. "I don't exactly know," drily replied Casey. "Why not, Sir?" "Because I cannot see it, Sir." "Why can you not see it, Sir?" "Because," halting a little with a tone of deferential humor, "you and the stove-pipe are between me and the board." The Professor then laughingly acknowledged, "With two such obstacles, Sir, you are quite excusable."

Gaylord Pinney Chapin was from Ogdensburgh, N. Y. He was a diligent scholar of fair ability. He sat next to me after Casey's death, and how often have I seen his limbs tremble as he rose to recite. He was an amiable and faithful student, fitted to have become a popular lawyer and citizen if his life had been spared. He had been admitted to the bar, and been married, when he suddenly died at Ogdensburgh of erysipelas in 1856. His death was a loss to the class and to the world, and we have always mourned for him.

Pliny Fisk Churchill was one of the youngest members of the class and had some characteristics of brilliancy. When he entered college he had not attained his full growth and was the smallest member. Partly from the fact that his brother, now the Hon. John C. Churchill, LL. D., 1843, of the Supreme Court of New York, was then temporarily filling the professorship of Latin, and partly from a certain bright, precise, professional way of his own, Pliny was, when a Freshman, commonly called "the Professor." He taught for a few years after leaving college and died of consumption at his home in Mooers, N. Y., in 1857. I think that I have heard that he died sitting in his chair with the New Testament in his hand. He passed from the body and from earth at an unobserved moment and was unexpectedly found dead. His commencement oration was noticed by the Middlebury Register as one of especial promise.

George Dunsmore, on entering college, made the impression of one especially in earnest in religious things, and it was then generally expected that he would enter the ministry, though he did not, perhaps, give in words any intimation of such a purpose. He was a diligeut student and especially excelled in declamation. From his dignified and somewhat imposing manner, while in college, he was commonly known as the "Judge." He studied medicine and became a successful and prominent physician. His practice in Cincinnati was especially lucrative. He resides at St. Albans, respected and useful, and has been president of the Vermont Medical Society.

Ferguson entered the class in our Junior year from Monkton, and had been before connected, I think, with the University of Vermont. He was in delicate health, not able to remain long with us, and died, I believe, before the end of our course. He was a man of a good mind and of fair scholarship. He was somewhat critical. In an essay on politics, he charged many deficiencies and obliquities upon both parties;

with a closing allusion, however, to true patriotism, with which he said "both were slightly tinctured."

Samuel Hand, a son of Judge Hand of Elizabethtown, a member of Congress from New York, was the genius of the class. He was but fourteen years of age at entrance, a fleshy, full faced lad. He had dark hair and eyes, abounding intelligence and ample physical vitality. He had not been in the class a month when I felt that he was a person of native capacity for any position in the United States, and I have never changed that opinion. He became an eminent lawyer at Albany and had, it is said, at his command, any position within the gift of his party, the Democratic, in the State of New York. He held high positions, and died three or four years ago greatly respected. Yet I do not think he ever did full justice to the superb promise of that Freshman fall term. We never heard from student or teacher in the whole course, finer renderings of the classics into exquisite English than Sam Hand gave in that first term. He did well, but not as well afterward. His marks were probably never higher than those of some others; perhaps not as high; but for boyhood genius and potential ability, no student whom I ever saw in Middlebury College made so decided an impression. Stepping into a Democratic State convention in Syracuse a few moments in 1878, I heard "Hand," "Hand," as my old classmate of boyhood days in Middlebury College was voted for in nomination for a high office. He left at the end of the Sophomore year with his brother Clifford of the class of 1850, and both were graduated in corresponding classes from Union College. As critic in our Freshman debating club he described the style of one orator as "steamboatic."

John E. How entered the class from Castleton Seminary at the beginning of the Junior year and was one of the best scholars ever connected with the class. He was my townsman and classmate before coming to college. He was one of three new students at the beginning of our Junior year. Meeting Mr. Hurd of the class of 1850, now the venerable Prof. Albert Hurd of Knox College, Illinois, a day or two after the opening of the term, he naively told me there were several new students in our class and he *thought*, from their looks, they were quite equal to anything we already had. How left our class and was graduated in the same year with us at Harvard. He had been a favorite teacher of country schools almost from his boyhood. Since his graduation he has been a prominent teacher in Cambridge and Brookline, Mass., and has led a life of great usefulness and honor in his chosen profession.

[This reminiscence will be continued in the November issue.]

THE CLASS OF '35.

A PLEASANT MEETING OF THREE OF ITS MEMBERS.

CREDIT is largely due to a Richland, (Mich.) paper for the following account of a reunion of three of our honored alumni. It is hoped that, meeting the eyes of other alumni, they may be led to write to the UNDERGRADUATE, directly, accounts of pleasant meetings with old-time fellows or to favor us with reminiscences of college days:

At commencement time in Middlebury College among the beautiful hills of Vermont, fifty-seven years ago, a class of thirty-four young men received their diplomas, left their Alma Mater and started on life's journey. From the East to the then far West, many found their way. Only eight of the number now remain and on the forty-eighth pastoral anniversary of one of them at the residence of Rev. Milton Bradley, Monday, July 11, three of the number, Hon. N. A. Balch, Rev. Edwin Hoyt and Rev. Milton Bradley again met.

Their steps were not so quick and elastic, nor the voices so strong as on the July morning many years ago, but their hearts seemed young as ever as they recalled scene after scene of their college days and rehearsed the words and tone even of many who associated with them in college halls or in the hospitable homes and shaded streets of old Middlebury.

The champion of the class, Hon. N. A. Balch of Kalamazoo, in his old-time happy way added greatly to the zest of the hour. Though sometimes a minor chord mingled with the talk as they recalled those of their members who had already finished their work on earth, the jests and cheers which often came and sounded through the old house reminded one of college boys and days.

For many years Michigan has been the home of these three. Two have been honored clergymen, and the third no less honored in the legal profession.

The house was adorned with flowers, and as all gathered around the festive board a souvenier bouquet was placed beside each plate. Upon adjourning to the parlor again, an interesting letter from one of their old college friends, Prof. J. D. Butler of Mad-

ison University, who has become a wide-world traveler, written but a short time before to our legal member of the trio, was read by his daughter.

The day sped quickly by and all too soon at the sunset hour, the good bye's were said almost as hopefully as fifty-seven years ago.

Town and Campus.

Leonard, '95, owns a horse.

College opened Thursday Sept. 8.

O. J. Sawyer has been appointed junior librarian.

Sturtevant, '93, and Eddy, '94, are class monitors.

The Sophomore class this fall numbers twenty-six.

Fruit is reported to be less plentiful than usual this year.

Mrs. Prof. Wright and child arrived from Akron, O., Sept. 29.

The Freshman class colors are white, pink and dark heliotrope.

The Latin Scientifics of '95 got the first bolt of the season Sept. 27.

The Seniors made their appearance on the chapel stage Sept. 24.

Nearly all the rooms in Starr Hall are now equipped with electric lights.

Cady, '93, regularly supplies the Methodist pulpit at East Middlebury.

Taylor, '96, was detained at his home for several days on account of illness.

Pres. Brainerd and Prof. Boyce were of the party camping at Knight's Island in August.

Toleman, '94, enjoyed a two-weeks' sojourn in the Catskills during the summer vacation.

Miss Steele, who last year was in the University of Minnesota has joined the Sophomore class.

Leonard, Wooster, Barlow, Blossom, Goodman and Wales have rooms at Miss L. F. Comstock's.

Prof. Seely is one of the committee superintending the building of the new Methodist church.

Cady and Hasseltine were managers of the hotel at Spring Grove camp meeting during its session.

Four of the high school graduates entered the class of '96—Prentiss, Halnon, Munroe and Sniffen.

The reading-room committee are Chapman, '94, chairman; Ross, '93, Adams, '95, and Sniffen, '96.

Twelve of the co-eds are at Battell Hall, four Freshmen, five Sophomores, one Junior and two Seniors.

Another table has been put into the boarding hall, to accommodate the increased number of boarders.

The Sophomores, under the guidance of Prof. Boyce, are doing some surveying about the campus.

There are fourteen in the Greek elective class; they are reading the *Oedipus Tyrannus* of Sophocles.

Rev. Mr. Merriam, father of Miss Merriam, '95, preached in the Congregational church Sept. 11 and 18.

Foot ball has been discussed quite earnestly this fall and the prospects are good for the organization of a team.

Though '96 has thirty-one members, it is reported it has but one *Good man*, and he properly speaking, a *Junior*.

Sylvanus R. Bolton has resigned his position as janitor. Loren C. Bean of Ripton has been made his successor.

Prof. W. W. Eaton has surveyed ground for a new house on land of Thad M. Chapman, just southeast of Starr Hall.

All the students of the three upper classes are back with the exception of Dunton, '95, and Rowley, '95; Rowley has entered Amherst.

The highway between the bridge across Otter creek and Beckwith's store has been graded to about the height of the railroad bridges.

Douglass and Donoway, '93, Hayes, Chapman and LaFleur, '94, Douglass and Ross, '95, spent their vacation as table waiters at Saratoga.

Prof. Eaton passed the early part of the summer at his former home in Andover, Mass. Mrs. Eaton later joined him at the seashore.

Sargent, '94, is absent from college for a month, having received an appointment as weigher upon the mail train from Rutland to Fitchburg.

Dr. George N. Webber has resigned his position as pastor of the Congregational church and moved to his former home in Northampton, Mass.

J. B. Donoway, '93, and D. J. Hayes, '94, took part in a benefit entertainment given by the student waiters at "The Clarendon," Saratoga Springs.

Mrs. Plehn of Providence, R. I., mother of Prof. C. C. Plehn, has taken up permanent residence at Middlebury. They live on South Pleasant street.

Of the boys who were agents for "King's Hand Book of the United States" during the summer, Miner, '93, took 129 orders and Eldredge, '95, 114.

Wynne, '93, Ross, '93, and Riggs, '96, were of a party which spent a week camping soon after commencent at the Senate camp near Lake Dunmore.

A Freshman came to class recently with a tall hat on. The Sophomores fell upon it and in the squabble that ensued hat and honors were pretty evenly divided.

A game of ball was played by the Sophomore and Freshmen teams Sept. 29. Score 14 to 1 in favor of '95. Batteries, Adams and Grant, Long and Wasson.

Prof. George B. Merriman, who occupied the chair of Physics and Astronomy last year, has been obliged to resign and give up active work on account of poor health.

Rev. S. B. Partridge, missionary to China, gave a very interesting talk to the students after chapel at the time of his visit to the college and friends in town, Sept. 29.

The exercises attending the laying of the corner-stone of the new Methodist church took place on the afternoon of Sept. 27. The address was given by Rev. J. H. Coleman of Troy, N. Y.

Seely, '94, Eddy, '94, and Seely, '95, spent a couple of weeks during the summer in visiting and camping at neighboring mountains, among which were Mt. Lincoln, Camel's Hump and Mt. Mansfield.

The usual tin-horn serenade occurred shortly after the opening of college. As nearly as can be ascertained it was not much above the average in musical effect or awe-inspiring intonations.

Brown, Hasseltine, Dorsey, Grant, Roscoe, Miss Clark, Miss Ross and Miss Pollard were among those of the students who attended the convention of Addison County Christian Endeavor societies held at New Haven Sept. 23 and 24.

James Morton Paton, formerly professor of Latin, who has been in a university at Bonn, Germany, for the last two years, has received a Rogers' Fellowship from Harvard and accordingly will spend the coming year in the American School at Athens.

The bible lectures by Prof. Eaton have been continued. At present the early history and formation of the Bible are discussed for half an hour each Sunday following the morning service at the Congregational church. All students are welcome.

At the annual election of officers of the Boarding Hall P. G. Ross, '93, was chosen President; A. A. Sargent. '94, Vice-President; J. B. Donoway, '93, Treasurer; I. H. LaFleur, '94, Commissary; Brown, '93, Hesselgrave, '93, and Hayes, '94, auditors.

Many improvements have been made this summer about college. In Starr Hall nearly all the rooms have been cleaned and the wood-work varnished. New apparatus and a new floor have been placed in the gymnasium. Nearly all the rooms in Starr Hall are occupied.

The Sophomore class has elected the following officers: President, H. A. Vicker; vice-president, Geo. C. Wilson; secretary, Miss Blanche A. Verder; treasurer, L. M. Seely; toast-master, Wm. H. Eldridge; poet, Chas. L. Leonard; orator, E. L. Cushman; historian, Geo. D. Scott.

The Freshmen have chosen the following officers: President, F. N. Davis; Vice President, Miss Lena M. Roseman; Secretary, Miss Mabel H. Ware; Treasurer, E. W. Sniffen; Toastmaster, G. C. Lamson; Poet, Miss Alice F. Tyler; Prophet, E. H. Cutts; Historian, D. H. Blossom; Orator, C. B. Long; Base Ball Manager, Watson Wasson.

About twenty students met in the college chapel Sept. 30 and formed a Young Men's Republican Club. The officers elected are William J. Douglas, '93, president; P. G. Ross, '93, vice-president; C. L. Ross, '95, secretary; W. E. Chapman, '94, treasurer; G. L. Hasseltine, '93, H. E Dorsey, '95, G. D. Scott, '95, advisory committee. The club was named the William McKinley Club of Middlebury College.

The freshmen class numbers thirty-one and is the largest of any since the war. Their names and home-addresses are as follows:—David H. Blossom, Granville, N. Y.; May Barton, Bristol, Vt.; Cora A. Brock, Wells River, Vt.; Elmer H. Cutts, Hillsborough Bridge, N. H.; Frank N. Davis, Mendon, Vt.; Earle B. Edgerton, Rutland, Vt.; Henry Foster, Camden, N. Y,; Charles Fitzpatrick, Middlebury, Vt.; James E. Goodman, Jr., Granville, N. Y.; Thomas Gifford, Camden, N. Y.; Ava Hawley, Middlebury, Vt.; John P. Halnon, Middlebury, Vt.; C. B. Long, Whitehall, N. Y.; Guy C. Lamson, Guilford, Vt.; James Moore, Amboy Center, N. Y.; Charles

M. Munroe, Middlebury, Vt.; Carl M. Merrill, Bridport, Vt.; Mary O. Pollard, Ludlow, Vt.; Chas. W. Prentiss, Middlebury, Vt.; Lena M. Roseman, Bristol, Vt,; Edward M. Roscoe, New Haven, Vt.; Le-Roy C. Russell, New Haven, Vt.; George Riggs, Middlebury, Vt.; Ernest W. Sniffen, Sandy Hook, Conn.; Caddie Swiney, Holyoke, Mass.; Alice F. Tyler, Townshend, Mass.; Dan P. Taylor, Middletown Springs, Vt.; W. Bryant Wilcox, Port Henry, N. Y.; Watson Wasson, Witherbee, N. Y.; Albert C. Wales, Blue Hill, Mass.; Mabel H. Ware, Shelburne Falls, Mass.

Prof. Howard, from his seat of consulship at Cardiff, Wales, in a recent letter to a member of '93 among other things wrote: "By the time this letter reaches you, you will have entered into the full glory of the senior year. I know you will enjoy it, though, to a man who has thoroughly entered into the pleasures of his college life, there is a tang of sadness in the taste because it is the last year of his college life. But youth looks 'forward and not back'; and it is not until we have acquired a grey hair or two that we begin to regret, and prize with regretting, the pleasures that come alone to youth. So as my class motto had it; 'Gaudeamus juvenes nam senes non poterimus'. I cannot vouch for the Latin, but I can swear by the sentiment. To me the great charm of a teacher's life is that he is constantly surrounded by young people, and should always breathe an atmosphere of youth. The teacher who does not appreciate this would much better be in some other business. Rejoicing in the prosperity of the college, trusting that the incoming class will be the largest in its history, and wishing for yourself and class-mates the most delightful year of your college course, I remain, Faithfully yours,

WALTER E. HOWARD."

INITIATION BANQUET.

The Delta Upsilon Fraternity held their annual initiation Sept. 16. The initiatory rites having been performed in their fraternity hall, Vallette block, they took the 10 P. M. train for Brandon. After partaking of an elaborate menu prepared at the Hotel Brandon, the following toasts were responded to, G. E. Cady, '93, acting as toastmaster:

Our Fraternity—J. B. Donoway, '93.

"Great souls by instinct to each other turn,
Demand alliance and in friendship burn."

Our Foundation—George L. Hasseltine, '93.

"Justice is their virtue; that alone makes them sit sure."

Our Progress—Albert A. Sargent, '94.

"'Tis not in mortals to command success,
But we'll do more, Sempronius, we deserve it."

Our Delegation—Guy C. Lamson, '96.

"Eight little Injuns all in a row."

Our Lady Friends—R. O. Wooster, '95.

"As for woman, though we serve and flout 'em,
We may live with, but cannot live without 'em."

Our Days Together—Edgar R. Brown, '93.

"They shall ne'er forgotten be."

Our Future—Charles L. Leonard, '95.

"'Tis our actions that shall make our epochs."

The names of the initiates are David H. Blossom, Granville, N. Y.; Frank N. Davis, Mendon, Vt.; James E. Goodman, Granville, N. Y.; Guy C. Lamson, Guilford, Vt.; James Moore, Amboy, N. Y.; Charles W. Prentiss, Middlebury, Vt.; Edward M. Roscoe, New Haven, Vt.; Albert C. Wales, Blue Hill, Mass.

A second initiation was held Sept. 30, in which Earle B. Edgerton of Rutland, Vt., Thomas C. Gifford of Camden, N. Y., and Dan P. Taylor of Middletown Springs, Vt., became members of the fraternity.

Personals.

[*The editor of this department appreciates the fact that it is one of special interest to the alumni. But as they are widely scattered and many are unknown to him, he asks them to send to the Undergraduate from time to time whatever items they may come in possession of and thus aid in making this department what the alumni desire it to be and what the editors endeavor to make it.*]

'36. News are recently received of the death of Mrs. James D. Butler, wife of Prof. Butler, a professor in Michigan University. She was a daughter of Rev. Joshua Bates, president of Middlebury college from 1818 to 1839. Mrs. Butler established and labored for a long time in a female academy in South Carolina.

'42. Hon. T. C. Smith, ex-consul at Odessa, Russia, has taken up permanent residence at Middlebury. A daughter and three sons are with him.

'46. Ex-Gov. John W. Stewart is on a trip to Europe. He expects to join his daughter at Berlin.

'47. John W. Hunt, principal of classical school for boys in Washington D. C., visited the scenes of his college days during the summer.

'51. Samuel W. Boardman, president of Maryville college, Maryville, Tenn., sends to the UNDERGRADUATE, besides words of help and money for re-

newed subscription, an unusually interesting class-history and reminiscence. The UNDERGRADUATE desires more such letters.

'51. Dr. A. J. Long of Whitehall, N. Y., has set a good example to fellow alumni in sending his son back to Middlebury.

'53. Rev. E. P. Stone of Lapeer, Mich., has passed the summer with relative and friends in Vermont. On Sunday, Sept. 25, he supplied the Congregational pulpit in Middlebury. He will soon return to his work in the West as agent of the American Home Mission society.

'68. Prof. E. H. Higley of Groton, Mass., took his usual camping expedition with Middlebury friends at Knight's Island, Lake Champlain, during the summer vacation.

'69. Prof. Henry. S. Baker of St. Paul, Minn., made a trip to the East during the summer.

'72. If report be true, a visit from Hon. W. E. Howard, U. S. Consul at Wales, may be expected in the course of a month or two.

'72. Rev. Kerr C. Anderson D. D., pastor of Horton-Lane Chapel, Bradford, England, since 1885, has accepted a call to succeed Rev. Dr. Short as pastor of Ward Chapel Dundee. The following words concerning Dr. Anderson and his work are taken from the *Independent*, of London: "Though of American training he is a Scotchman born, and in going north is only returning to his native heath. But Bradford will miss him, and Yorkshire Congregationalism will be the poorer. It is only about seven years since he undertook the enormous task of building up anew Horton-Lane church, but during the time he has won the love and respect of a warmly attached people. In the pulpit as well as in the class Dr. Anderson has proved that men will listen to discussions of difficult questions. Agnosticism, socialism, the movements of modern religious thinking and kindred topics have all been dealt with and dealt with in such a way as to attract and interest large audiences. Thoroughly imbued with the modern spirit, he has been able to meet modern doubts and difficulties with such fair-minded sympathy as to give confidence to his audience. But perhaps his influence has been most felt by the ministers of his town. In the ministers' meeting he is seen at his best. Men love to do what they can do best and when in congenial company Dr. Anderson dearly loves an argument. It is said he has infected the ministers with the higher theology—nay, even given rise to what has been called "the Bradford school." It is also certain that he has undermined confidence in fine-sounding phrases, many of which have no intellectual content. In this respect he has rendered a good service to the churches of the town. His methods of work are all quiet. He is not a "popular preacher" in the vulgar sense. What he says is of more importance to him than the way he says it. He is too modest to push himself to the front. Many a man with much less cargo spreads more sail. But with him, as with all who trust it, good work tells. Horton-Lane has been revived into new life. It has been made a center of interest for young people and the intelligent working men of the town know that there they will hear the social and religious topics of the day sympathetically and seriously discussed. Bradford regrets his loss, but we cordially congratulate Dundee.

'76. J. W. Abernethy, professor of English Literature in the Adelphi academy at Brooklyn, passed his summer vacation at Bread Loaf Inn, Ripton, Vt.

'76. W. R. Cray, who has an extensive law practice in Minneapolis, Minn., with wife and two children visited friends in the East during the month of August.

'80. Dr. William H. Sheldon was the Democratic nominee for representative at Middlebury; he lacked four votes of an election in a ballot of over five hundred.

'82. According to the *Examiner* of San Francisco, Cal., Frank Brown of Milton, Cal., is taking an active part in State and national politics, as a leader of Calaveras Co. Democracy and an officer in the State league of Democratic clubs.

'88. B. M. Cooledge of Chicago visited at his former home in Ludlow and friends in Middlebury in August.

'89. William F. Alden, who graduated from the Columbia Law School at its last commencement, has been admitted to the bar in the city of Washington.

89. Arthur E. Cushman, a former editor-in-chief of the UNDERGRADUATE, is night editor of the Rutland Daily *Herald*. In another column may be found some remarks of his about The UNDERGRADUATE.

'90. Haynie R. Pearson, who was with the class of

ninety for a time in college, was married Sept. 14, to Miss Blanche Beatrice Arnold at the Church of the Redeemer, city of Chicago. The wedding was spoken of by the Chicago *Herald* as "one of the first events of the season and long to be remembered as one of the most elegant." George M. Groves did the honors of the occasion as the groom's best man, and among the ushers were A. B. Pease, B. W. Sherman and Charles N. Pray. The newly married couple will be at home after November 9 at 547 Jackson Boulevard.

'90. L. H. Ross is principal of Poultney Graded school.

'90. H. M. Goddard of Yale Theological Seminary preached at Sherburne, Vt., during the summer.

'90. E. B Clift continues his labors in the Episcopal school for boys at Oakfield, N. Y.

'91. F. D. Boynton and wife have begun a second year's work of teaching in the public schools at Webster, N. Y. During the summer Mr. Boynton was manager of a summer school at Glenns Falls, N. Y.

'91. D. G. Reily has been actively engaged in the insurance business in Middlebury and vicinity during the summer.

'91. Carl A. Mead has been re-engaged as teacher of Latin and Greek in Burr and Burton Seminary, Manchester, Vt.

'92. J. F. McNaboe is principal of the graded school at Middletown Springs, Vt.

'92. A. Macdonald is teaching at St. Regis Falls, N. Y.

'92. Miss A. B. Sheldon is teaching in Black River academy at Ludlow.

ABOUT THE UNDERGRADUATE.

If my passion to write in an exaggerated way ever gives place to a simple style, much credit will be due THE UNDERGRADUATE. It brought me into contact with such men as Professor Wright and Mr. E. H. Thorp, who showed me the bad results of a downward tendency in the use of words, tried to make me state things directly, and took lots of nonsense out of me. It gave me the criticism of Professor Eaton, whose admiration for a Nile picture is exceeded only by his ability to make students work. Like a good novel, it acquainted me with men whom I could not otherwise have met and whose letters were a help. The same help THE UNDERGRADUATE gave me, it gives all the students.

The idea used to be generally held, but is fast losing ground, that a college should take no part in public affairs, that college professors must never be seen on a political platform or speak to a legislative committee. The same tendency to get away from the world prevails with many clergymen, who tell us their business is to preach the Gospel. Crime, however, is increasing faster than population and in Vermont, into which a few ignorant foreigners come, the number of persons that go to church is fast decreasing. One of the causes is that churches and colleges have acted truth as though it was fiction. The word business seems to be a bugbear, and far-fetched ideals or generalities, would fill our newspapers; that is if editors were fools. Colleges and churches talk about rascality enough, but never say anything about the rascals. That makes the rascals safer and bolder. We need the college paper to go at the rascals.

Gov. Page recently said that young men who go into politcs will often have to do dishonest things, and *The Middlebury Register*, thinking, I suppose, that a guilty conscience needs no accuser, justly calls his remarks a confession. In THE UNDERGRADUATE it can be stated, for the benefit of Gov. Page, that Middlebury college teaches her students to be honest, upright and truthful everywhere, and that she can prove the statement without going outside the State. In THE UNDERGRADUATE can be made an effort that will help bring about such a co-operation of College, Church, Press and State as will cause the people to say, by their votes, that each dishonest or incompetent officer is an enemy to society. If, however, Middlebury College prefers to be a sharpshooter I know of no better ammunition than UNDERGRADUATE editorials.

If we ever find out that good roads are as truly educators as schools and churches, Vermont will become a summer Mecca for people in the cities. "Our college, set like a gem, in scenery that improves body and mind, is the priest and interpreter of Vermont's history, scenery and graves." But she needs THE UNDERGRADUATE to tell her interpretation to our visitors and cause them to educate their children where the air is pure. A man, who helped prepare the general catalogue, said to me, "It is wonderful how fast our alumni grow as soon as they get started."

THE UNDERGRADUATE can explain this fact and keep the alumni explaining it to the robust country boy and to the sickly city boy, who can here make himself well by boating on Otter Creek, camping near Lake Champlain or by walks to Snake Mountain. THE UNDERGRADUATE can announce the banquets of the Greeks, call the boys home to Commencement, and tell a story once in a while.

A. E. CUSHMAN, '89.

Exchanges.

But few of the UNDERGRADUATE'S exchanges have yet reached us, but their return has been gladly welcomed and we await the arrival of those still to come with anticipations. We agree with the editor of the Bowdoin *Orient*, who says: "The exchange column in a college periodical can be made one of the most profitable departments of the paper;" and again when he says: "A careful selection of the most interesting matters in college circles goes far more to make an exchange column interesting than mere comments on the qualities, good or bad, of the papers which reach the exchange editor."

The *Bates Student* and the *University Herald* come to us with the same attractive appearance as of old. They are both good representative college journals, and we wish them a year of prosperity.

The Brown *Daily Herald* states that chapel attendance for Juniors and Seniors has been made optional by Pres. Andrews. Brown has been recently opened to young ladies, concerning which the *Herald* says: "The present attitude of Brown University toward young ladies finds favor with all, including young ladies. It is time for all leading colleges to take down the boards from across their 'ladies' entrance.'"

The *Dartmouth* comes with a new and attractive front page design. A new feature of the paper is the cogitations of "The Listener." Speaking of the Freshmen and college fraternities in the issue of Sept. 30, he says: "Whatever of evil the college fraternity has developed, it is certain that it has served in eliminating some objectionable features from college life, and especially in those institutions where society life absorbs a majority of the student body. The Listener remembers to have had troubled dreams in childhood from reading distressing tales of the manner in which the poor Freshman was maltreated by the other students,—tales made more vivid by a usual cut of a youth at midnight, in a single garment, having his head forcibly held beneath the streaming nozzle of a pump by a fierce band of students with muffled faces. Behold the transition! At the present time barely does the Freshman reach the college town, when he is affably met by upper classmen, and his first week of college life is a round of social intercourse and entertainment. Colleges differ in society interests and methods, of course, but college fraternities and their strife for delegations have altered the character of the Freshman's reception to college life, and when an entering class is unusually small, this fact is particularly noticeable."

Base Ball.

The only two games of ball that have been played this fall were with the Bristol team. The first was played at Bristol Sept. 17. The college team had not been together for practice at all, but did good work until the eighth inning, at which time the score was 18 to 4. At this time some costly errors were made and the Bristols scored eight runs and two more in the last. It is the first defeat of the Bristol team this season in a series of thirteen games. They played good ball, but the excellent battery work of Taylor and Seeley was too much for them.

THE SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Middlebury	9	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	—18
Bristol	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	8	2	—14

The return game was played on the campus Sept. 21. There was an unusually large attendance, a good many coming from Bristol. The gate receipts amounted to about $40, two-thirds of which fell to the Athletic Association by virtue of the victory of their team. In the seventh inning Wasson went behind the bat, Seeley having broken a finger. There was a good deal of hard hitting done by the home team; a three-base hit was made by Ross, '93. Below is the score:

MIDDLEBURY.

	A.	R.	IB.	SH.	PO.	A.	E.
Ross '95, ss	6	2	2	0	0	0	0
Adams lf	5	1	2	1	0	0	0
Douglass, rf	5	3	1	0	0	0	0
Wasson, 3b	6	1	4	0	4	2	0
Sturtevant, 1b	6	1	2	0	8	0	1
Taylor, p	6	2	1	0	1	1	0
Wynne, ct	6	2	3	0	0	0	0
Seeley, c	5	1	3	1	11	5	2
Ross, '95, 2b	5	2	1	1	3	3	2
	50	15	19	3	27	11	5

BRISTOL.

Wetmore, rf	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Cain, } 1b	1	0	1	0	5	0	1
Hanks, } 1b	1	1	0	0	5	1	2
Sayles, 2b	3	1	1	0	5	4	2
Daggett, p	2	1	0	0	1	5	1
Guindon, ss	5	0	0	0	1	3	1
Hatch, lf	5	0	0	0	3	0	1
Gee, 3b	5	0	1	0	1	1	0
Carrier, cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	1
Farr, c	3	0	0	0	3	1	0
	31	6	5	0	24	15	9

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Middlebury	1	3	1	3	1	4	0	2	0	—15
Bristol	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	— 6

SUMMARY.—Earned runs, Middlebury 8, Bristol 3; two base hits, Taylor and Seeley; home run, P. Ross; stolen bases, Middlebury 10, Bristol 5; double plays, Taylor, P. Ross and Sturtevant; bases on balls, off Taylor 11, off Daggett 3; struck out by Taylor 15, by Daggett 3; passed balls, Seeley 1, Wasson 1, Farr 4; wild pitches, Taylor 1, Daggett 2. Time of game, 2 hours 28 minutes. Umpires, Parkhurst and Smith.

Our Farrago.

Getting On: He—"Well, how are you progressing in your French?" She—"All right till I attempt to think in French; then I have to ask some one else what I mean."—*Boston Beacon.*

"A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind."
Perhaps the poet might have changed his mind
If, in a crowd one day he chanced to find
A fellow feeling in his coat behind."—*Ex.*

The Burlington *Free Press* of Sept. 20, under Middlebury correspondence, has an item that is of value, not only as a specimen of an accurate news item, but because of the evident association of ideas in the reporter's mind as well. It reads: "Tub butter is retailing at 32 cents a pound and the Freshman class numbers 38."

IN CAP AND GOWN.

In cap and gown, I saw her go—
The daintiest sight the world could show;
The cap aslant with mocking air,
The gown blown lightly here and there—
I watched her with my heart aglow.

Throughout the passing centuries slow,
In many garbs maids come and go.
Sweet souls! they had been twice as fair
In cap and gown.

O Grecian girls in robes of snow!
O satin belles of long ago!
However gay your dress, or fair,
I tell you, ye could not compare
With the new maids ye cannot know—
In cap and gown. —*Bryn Mawr Lantern.*

The *Farrago* editor, one happy day during his summer's vacation, came across some verses regarding a class of beings who are both dear and near to him. After some hesitation, but believing they may have a tendency to bring about some tender reminiscences to fellow-beings, he gives them to the UNDERGRADUATE for publication, only regretting that he does not know, by name, even, their author. They are about

THE SCHOOL MARM.

Oh, School Marm!
Thou who teachest the young idea
How to scoot, and spankest the erstwhile
Festive small boy with a hand that taketh the trick;
Who also lammeth him with a hickory switch,
And crowneth him by laying the weight
Of a ruler on his shoulders,
Oh,
Thou art a daisy!
Thou makest him the national emblem—
Red, white and blue;
Thou furnisheth the stripes
And he seeth the stars.
Oh, School marm,
We couldn't do without thee,
And we don't want to try!
Thou art lovely and accomplished
Above all women, and if thou art
Not married, it is because thou art
Too smart to be caught that way!
All school marms are women,
But women are not all school marms
And, angel pedagogic,
There's where thou hast the bulge on thy sisters!
Oh, School Marm,
Thou mayest not get much here below,
For cheap education is a national specialty
But thou wilt get thy reward in Heaven,
The only drawback being that thou stayest there
When thou goest after it, and we,
Who remain here below for our reward,
Miss you like thunder.
School Marm, if there is anything we can do for you
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And can show the marks of it!

College Notes.

Psi Upsilon has a new chapter-house in process of construction at Rochester.

The Association of Collegiate Alumnæ has taken up the study of the relative wages of men and women.

Brown University has registered 138 undergraduate new students, besides about thirty in the women's annex.

Chauncey M. Depew is reported to have said that a college education adds 300 per cent. to a man' productive powers.

The University of Pennsylvania is to have a new dormitory costing $125,000. It is to be the largest in the United States.

The University of Denver has just completed the organization of a school of law. The course will be two years in length.

A new feature to be added to Yale University is the "Yale House," or home for students who may be taken sick in college.

Syracuse University has been left $50,000 by the late Francis H. Root, who was one of the founders and trustees of the institution.

There is a scheme being proposed that a convention be held of the American College Fraternities, also one of the members of the class of '93 of all American colleges at Chicago during the World's Fair.

The faculty of Wesleyan has announced that no student who failed to pass his last examination and is conditioned, will be allowed to hold a position on any of the athletic clubs or take part in any of the contests.

Colby University, Me., opens with a freshman class of sixty, the largest in the history of the college. Rev. B. L. Whitman has been elected president, succeeding Dr. Albion W. Small, recently called to the University of Chicago.

The students of Northwestern to the number of one hundred and twenty young men and women have formed a Prohibition Party League, and offered a scholarship of one hundred and fifty dollars to the student who secures the largest number of signatures to the million voters' pledge.

According to the *Ariel* President Adams of Madison, in his opening address to the students, gave advice to the Freshmen much after this style: "I joined a fraternity while at college and have never regretted it. But when you find yourself surrounded by a circle of affable, well appearing young men, don't be in any hurry to join."

In the Wednesday evening lectuers of the Brooklyn Institule of arts and sciences during this season, the speakers will include President Charles W. Elliot, of Harvard; President Merrill E. Gates, of Amherst; Presidents John G. Schurman, of Cornell; Bradford P. Raymond, of Wesleyan; Timothy L. Dwight, of Yale; Seth Low, of Columbia and G. Stanley Hall of Clark University.

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